

ANNUAL REPORTS

—OF THE—

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, COLLECTOR

AND SCHOOL BOARD,

—OF THE—

TOWN OF ATKINSON,

—FOR THE—

Mar. 1 1893
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1892.

HAVERHILL, MASS.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Valuation of the town April 1, 1892.

Real estate,	\$240,640 00
Number of horses, 151,	9,070 00
cows, 499,	11,665 00
oxen, 20,	900 00
neat stock, 29,	495 00
hogs, 9,	70 00
sheep, 16,	40 00
carriages, 3,	160 08
Money at interest,	15,989 00
Stock in public fund,	4,000 00
Stock in trade,	6,165 00
Number of polls, 132,	13,200 00
Mills,	600 00
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Total valuation,	\$302,994 00

On which valuation the Selectmen have assessed the following amount:

State tax,	\$645 00
County tax,	633 53
Town tax,	500 00
School tax,	451 50
Percentage,	102 83
Non-resident highway tax,	153 09
Dog tax,	40 00
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	\$2,525 95

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen have received and paid to the Treasurer the following sums :

State railroad tax,	\$115 27
State savings bank tax,	226 53
State literary fund,	66 56
Received from County for pauper account,	69 85
Received for cemetery lots,	4 00
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	\$482 21

The Selectmen have given order on the Treasurer as follows :
 School board, \$588 00

SNOW BILLS.

Daniel W. Goodnow, spring of 1892,	\$22 00	
Moses B. Stevens, " "	15 19	
Hiram A. Batchelder, " "	6 00	
John Little,	5 58	
Nathan H. Russell,	18 58	
Moses B. Stevens,	29 13	
C. F. Noyes,	20 91	
C. F. Noyes, spring of 1892,	12 95	
G. A. Page,	3 90	
Daniel W. Goodnow, district No. 4,	21 65	
George E. Wright,	17 87	
Daniel W. Goodnow, district No. 2,	16 60	
Charles A. Knight,	17 70	
John Pettengill,	10 00	
Herbert N. Sawyer,	14 36	
	<hr/>	\$232 42

EXPENSE ON ROADS ABOVE RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX.

Daniel W. Goodnow, district No. 2,	\$12 00
Daniel W. Goodnow, district No. 4,	13 50
H. N. Sawyer,	63 07
John Little,	30 98

N. H. Russell,	19 50	
M. B. Stevens,	26 05	
G. A. Page,	6 60	
John B. Mason, running road machine,	3 00	
	<u> </u>	\$174 70

BRIDGES.

James M. Nesmith, railing bridge near		
H. Batchelder's,	\$ 2 00	
M. F. Hill, irons for bridge near East road,	2 00	
N. H. Russell, lumber and labor railing bridge,	1 50	
G. E. Wright, railing bridge and embankment,	11 00	
	<u> </u>	\$16 50

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Dr. W. O. Dunham, service for John Koller,	\$17 60	
George P. Dow, supplies for John Koller,	2 08	
Richards and Dole, coffin for John Koller,	15 00	
Henry Noyes, meat for John Koller,	2 84	
G. E. Wright, transient poor,	5 00	
Dr. W. O. Dunham, service for Lucy E. Drew's		
family,	22 00	
M. G. Calef, supplies for Lucy E. Drew,	10 33	
George E. Wright, opening grave for John		
Koller,	5 00	
	<u> </u>	\$79 85

MISCELLANEOUS.

Dr. W. O. Dunham, certificate of births and		
deaths,	\$ 2 00	
Mitchell & Hoyt, printing reports,	20 00	
M. W. Jenkins, labor on road machine,	12 00	

M. B. Stevens, wood for schoolhouse,	4 25
E. G. Johnson, trees near monument,	9 00
E. C. Eastman, inventory and surveyors' books,	3 65
Sarah L. Cragin, land damage,	70 00
C. A. Knight, damage to sheep by dogs,	4 00
M. W. Jenkins, irons and screws for hall,	4 75
M. G. Calef, brooms, pails, and oils for school-	
houses,	3 42
S. B. Mason, lead, oil, and painting hearse-house,	6 00
S. B. Mason, setting posts for cemetery gate,	1 00
S. B. Mason, lumber and working on cemetery	
gate,	3 50
S. B. Mason, labor and lumber for railing hall	10 50
Hanscom Bros., irons for road machine,	2 00
Trustees of Academy, use of hall,	30 00
N. H. Russell, repairs on schoolhouse No. 5,	1 00
W. B. Knight, ringing bell,	35 00
A. J. Hall, public watering-trough,	3 00
G. A. Page, express and stationery,	2 05
G. A. Page, time and expense to Exeter,	1 80
G. E. Wright, labor in cemetery,	2 00
Isaac S. Noyes, damage to plow,	5 00
Jason Given, public watering-trough,	3 00
Gilman Greenough, school books,	67 03

 \$305 95

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

E. P. Morse, poll,	\$ 77
A. B. Beach, 1891,	1 25
John Greeley, 1891,	1 25
Samuel French, Jr., soldier,	77
Albert H. Lewis, soldier,	77
Charles M. Cooper, poll,	77
Charles H. Drew, poll,	77
James T. Drew, poll,	77

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Andrew J. Ela, poll,	77	
Daniel W. Reynolds, poll,	77	
Hiram N. Holt,	96	
Albert E. Lewis,	77	
W. C. Noyes, overtaxed,	3 85	
James Cullen, overtaxed,	6 20	
Heirs of Mary Knight, overtaxed,	3 00	
Heirs of Levi Taylor, overtaxed,	2 14	
Lucy E. Drew,	2 31	
Samuel French,	1 00	
James Knight,	1 00	
Kibbey Drew,	77	
Heirs of J. K. Gordon,	2 14	
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		\$32 80

TOWN OFFICERS.

School board,	\$30 00	
George A. Page, town clerk,	15 25	
Gilman Greenough, treasurer,	14 00	
Isaac S. Noyes, supervisor,	15 00	
Samuel P. Foote, supervisor,	10 00	
Samuel N. Little, supervisor,	10 00	
Samuel B. Mason, collector,	50 60	
Washington B. Wason, selectman,	25 00	
James M. Nesmith, selectman,	31 00	
George A. Page, selectman,	37 50	
S. B. Mason, district clerk,	1 00	
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		\$239 35

RECAPITULATIONS.

Amount in Collector's warrant,	\$2525 95	
Received from other sources,	482 21	
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		\$3008 16

Paid on account of schools,	588 00
“ “ snow bills,	232 42
“ “ highways,	\$174 70
“ “ bridges,	16 50
“ “ paupers,	79 85
“ “ miscellaneous,	305 95
“ “ abatement of taxes.	32 80
“ “ town officers,	239 35
“ “ State tax,	645 00
“ “ County tax,	633 53

\$2948 10

Balance in favor of the town, \$60 06

GEORGE A. PAGE,
JAMES M. NESMITH,
W. B. WASON,

Selectmen of Atkinson.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

The Collector charges himself with amount in warrant,	\$2525 95
And credits himself—	
With receipts of Treasurer,	2409 53
With non-resident highway receipts,	40 54
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	\$2450 07
Balance due the town,	\$75 88

S. B. MASON,
Collector.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer charges himself with—	
Cash on hand March 1, 1892,	\$ 22 57
Received from State railroad tax,	115 27
State literary fund,	66 56
State savings bank tax,	226 53
County of Rockingham,	69 85
Town clerk for dog licenses,	85 00
Sale of cemetery lots,	4 00
Taxes of 1891,	170 18
Taxes of 1892,	2409 53
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	\$3169 49

He credits himself as follows—	
By paying State tax,	\$ 645 00
County tax,	633 53
Selectmen's orders,	1669 57
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	\$2948 10
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Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$221 39

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Due from taxes of 1891,	\$ 24 82
Due from taxes of 1892,	75 88
Cash in treasury,	221 39
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Balance in favor of town,	\$322 09

GILMAN GREENOUGH,

Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

ATKINSON, N. H., March 1, 1893.

We the undersigned, Auditors for the town of Atkinson for the year ending March 1, 1893, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Collector, and Treasurer, and have found them correctly kept and supported by the proper vouchers.

W. W. HATCH,
S. B. MASON,
Auditors.

UNPAID TAXES.

Hiram Batchelder,	\$22 48
Joseph Beaubain,	77
Percival Cunningham,	77
Samuel French,	5 39
Martha French,	2 31
Edward H. Foster,	1 31
Leonard B. Gove,	4 85
Enoch P. Hoitt,	10 40
Charles A. Knight,	31 95
James A. Wentworth.	2 31
Horace Wentworth,	1 85
George E. Marble,	77
Frank P. Thomas,	2 54

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BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1892.
TABLE A.

Date of Birth,	Name of Child (if any)	SEX AND CONDITION.					Name of Father.
		Male.	Female.	Living or stillborn.	No. of Child 1st, 2nd, etc.	Color.	
March 23.....	Anna Belle Wright.....	.....	Female.	Living.	Fourth.....	White.	George E. Wright
April 4.....	Bailey Bradeau.....	Male.....	.....	"	Second.....	"	Alton H. Bradeau
" 29.....	Carrie Clarke Wentworth.....	.....	Female.	"	Second.....	"	James A. Wentworth.....
July 14.....	Vener Cynthia Richards.....	.....	Female.	"	Second.....	"	Joshua A. Richards.....
Nov. 12.....	Benjamin Orice Wood.....	Male.....	.....	"	Second.....	"	Benjamin Orice Wood....
Nov. 30.....	Etta L. Tuttle.....	.....	Female.	"	Sixth.....	"	Fred Tuttle.....

Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.		Age of Father.	Age of Mother
Mary Cosello.....	White.....	Atkinson, N. H.	Farmer	Atkinson, N. H.	P. E. Island.....		34	26
Mary Eliza Warren.....	"	"	Painter	Brownfield, Me.	Brownfield, Me.....		24	22
Mary A. Wentworth.....	"	"	Carpenter	Tidabute, Penn.	Denmark, Me.....		24	22
Edna B. Russell.....	"	"	Farmer	Atkinson, N. H.	Haverhill, Mass.....		24	22
Margaret McKay.....	"	"	Engineer	Berry, N. H.	Roxbury, Mass.....		27	25
Ella M. Steele.....	"	"	Farmer	Derry, N. H.	Atkinson, N. H.		36	33

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1893.

TABLE B.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age of each in years.	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and bride
March 24, 1892....	Atkinson, N. H.....	George P. Noyes.....	Atkinson, N. H.....	28	White ..	Carpenter.....
July 23, 1892	Plaistow, N. H.....	Sarah I. French.....	Nottingham, N. H.....	32	"	Stitcher.....
		Warner H. Russell.....	Atkinson, N. H.....	22	"	Shoemaker.....
		Angelar J. O'Brien.....	Haverhill, Mass	17	"	Housekeeper..

Place of Birth of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation	Condition: Whether single or widowed. What marriage—whether 1st, 2nd, etc.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Atkinson.....	James H. Noyes.....	Atkinson.....	Farmer.....	.....	.....
Nottingham	Eliza Poor.....	"	"	First	Aug. C. Swain, Clergyman, Atkinson, N. H.
"	John B. French.....	Nottingham.....	Farmer .....	" .....	.....
Haverhill,	Caroline Eastman.....	Topsfield, Vt.....	Carpenter	"	A. DeF. Palmer, Clergyman, Plaistow, N. H.
"	Nathan H. Russell.....	Augusta .....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Harriet P. Mason.....	Skowhegan, Me.....	Shoemaker .....	.....	.....
.....	Timothy F. O'Brien.....	Taperville .....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Nellie M.....	Haverhill .....	.....	.....	.....

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1892.

TABLE C.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of Deceased.	Sex.	Color.	Married Single or Widowed	AGE.			Occupation	Place of Birth
					Yrs.	Mos.	Days.		
Jan. 5	John Thompson Manny	Male...	White...	Married...	73	5	..	None	Amsterdam, N. Y.
" 7	Lydia W. C. Noyes	Female	"	Widowed..	87	3	7	"	Atkinson, N. H.
" 19	George Wright	Male...	"	"	78	..	..	Farmer....	Hampstead, N. H.
" 27	William C. Noyes	"	"	Married...	62	3	26	"	Haverhill, Mass.
" 30	Sally Noyes Little	Female	"	Widowed..	88	2	23	Housewife	Atkinson, N. H.
March 7	Samuel Noyes	Male...	"	"	87	5	20	Farmer....	"
" 9	John Koller	"	"	Married...	73	6	6	"	Switzerland
" 28	John Roberts	"	"	"	68	7	6	"	Atkinson, N. H.
April 28	Bailey Knight	"	"	Married...	86	6	24	"	"
May 1	Albert P. Wilson	"	"	Married...	78	3	25	"	Balston, N. Y.
" 12	Abigail M. Knight	Female	"	"	77	11	4	Housewife	Haverhill, Mass.
" 24	Bridget Davis	"	"	"	34	..	..	"	Ireland
June 3	Doreus E. Noyes	"	"	Widowed..	89	11	3	"	Vermont
" 12	Sarah J. Reynolds	"	"	Married...	62	..	18	"	Gardner, Me.
July 23	Jeanne Grant	"	"	Single	7	7	..	"	Atkinson, N. H.
" 31	Philip D. Merrill	Male...	"	Married...	71	5	15	Shoemaker...	Meduen, Mass.
Aug. 10	Andrew R. Barnett	"	"	"	34	9	25	Clerk.....	Scotland
" 22	John L. Little	"	"	"	56	4	6	Mason.....	Atkinson, N. H.
" 23	Abigail M. Pettengill	Female	"	Widowed..	93	10	28	"	"
Sept. 1	Sarah T. Little	"	"	Married...	62	11	..	Housework	Derry, N. H.
Oct. 14	Eunice L. Knight	"	"	Single	71	..	28	"	Hampton Falls
Dec. 18	Samuel French	Male...	"	Married...	77	7	7	Farmer....	Deerfield, N. H.

TABLE C (Continued.)

Disease or Cause of Death.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	PLACE OF BIRTH.		Occupation of Father.
			Father.	Mother.	
Heart failure.....	Benjamin Manny.....	Barbara DeGraf.....	Amsterdam, N. Y.....	Amsterdam, N. Y.....	.....
La Grippe.....	Nathaniel Clarke.....	Abigail Woodman.....	Woburn, Mass.....	Palstow, N. H.....	Clothier.....
Old age.....	Edmund Wright.....	Rachel Dow.....	Amherst, Mass.....	Palstow, N. H.....	Storekeeper.....
La Grippe.....	William Noyes.....	Lydia Clark.....	Amherst, Mass.....	Amherst, N. H.....	Mason.....
Pneumonia.....	Peter Noyes.....	Sally Noyes.....	".....	Amherst, N. H.....	Farmer.....
Old age.....	Joseph Noyes.....	Elizabeth Poor.....	".....	".....	".....
Heart disease, etc.....	James Roberts.....	Lucy Powers.....	".....	".....	.....
Heart disease.....	Tristram Knight.....	Sarah Little.....	Amherst, N. H.....	Amherst, N. H.....	Farmer.....
Old age.....	Aaron Wilson.....	Hemphill.....	Cramberry, N. J.....	Windham, N. H.....	Carpenter.....
Erysipelas.....	William Merrill.....	Elsie Horne.....	Haverhill, Mass.....	Haverhill, Mass.....	Farmer.....
Chronic interstifial, etc.....	Michael Kennedy.....	Ellen Kennedy.....	Ireland.....	Ireland.....	Farmer.....
Acute phthisis.....	McCoy.....	Joanna Healy.....	Perthshire.....	Perthshire.....	Millwright.....
Old age.....	Jared Craue.....	Jemima Grant.....	Perthshire.....	Perthshire.....	Farmer.....
Bright's disease.....	George Mings.....	Rebecca B. Curtis.....	Medford, Mass.....	Medford, Mass.....	".....
Cholera infantum.....	Jonathan Merrill.....	".....	Amherst, N. H.....	Amherst, N. H.....	Farmer.....
Consumption.....	John Little.....	Mary Bassett.....	Amherst, N. H.....	Amherst, N. H.....	Farmer.....
Bright's disease.....	James M. Kent.....	Famile Brown.....	Derry, N. H.....	Derry, N. H.....	Blacksmith.....
Old age.....	Caleb Knight.....	Elizabeth Tilton.....	Hampton, N. H.....	Hampton, N. H.....	Farmer.....
Typhoid pneumonia.....	Samuel G. French.....	Betsy Willey.....	Hampton, N. H.....	Hampton, N. H.....	Farmer.....
Heart disease.....					

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL BOARD.

As required by law, the following report is respectfully submitted for the year ending March 1, 1893 :

SCHOOL No. 2.

This school began April 11, and continued with the exception of one week, when it was closed on account of the illness of the teacher, until June 24—a period of eleven weeks. Whole number of scholars, eleven. Teacher, Mary E. Butell, of this town. Only one pupil, Annie M. Little, is reported as not being absent or tardy. Three are recorded as having refrained from whispering during the term, and their names are here given, Marion Hoitt, Martha Wentworth, and Annie M. Little. The fall term began September 7 and was eleven and three-fifths weeks in length—closing November 23. Teacher, Mary L. Thomas. Whole number of scholars, twelve. Iva F. Whittaker, Henry T. Batchelder, and Arthur A. Batchelder were not absent or tardy during the term.

SCHOOL No. 3.

The spring term of this school was kept by Mary L. Thomas, and was eleven weeks in length, beginning April 11 and ending June 24. Whole number of scholars, sixteen. The names of six—Lena F. Calef, Verta A. Smith, Nellie Foster, Bechtel Scott, and Chester A. Crowell are upon the roll of perfect attendance. The fall term, commencing September 5 and closing November 23, was eleven and three-fifths weeks in length. Whole number of pupils, eighteen. Teacher, Mary E. Butell. Pauline Calef, Willie C. Adams, and Chester A. Crowell were not absent or tardy during the term.

SCHOOL No. 4.

The spring term of this school was taught by Carrie F. Adams, of Haverhill, Mass., who was the teacher for the two previous terms. It began April 11 and continued until June 24, being nearly eleven weeks in length. Whole number of scholars, eight—one-half of whom, Bertha L. Hoitt, Ralph Freeman, Lizzie M. Hoitt, and Nellie A. Hoitt are reported as not being absent or tardy. The fall term began September 12 and closed December 2, being eleven and three-fifths weeks in length. It was taught by Rose A. Todd, of South Newmarket, and was her first attempt at teaching. Whole number of scholars, seven, none of whom appear to have been neither absent nor tardy during the term.

SCHOOL No. 5.

The spring term of this school began April 11 and closed June 24, being eleven weeks in length. The whole number of pupils who attended was twelve. The names of Edwin E. Brickett and Arthur D. Goodrich appear upon the roll of perfect attendance for this term. The fall term was eleven and three-fifths weeks in length, beginning September 6 and ending November 23. Both terms were taught by Mary L. Noyes, of this town, and who had taught one term previously here. Whole number of scholars, eleven, all of whom seem to have been either absent or tardy once or more throughout the term.

The foregoing, together with the items to be found in the tabular statement herewith submitted, comprises substantially all that is required by our law in the annual report of the School Board. Such

suggestions as they may think necessary on the management of our common schools and on the subject of education generally may also be made, and are customary, but it is extremely doubtful whether they have much, if any, lasting effect on the minds of those who are most intimately connected with and interested in the welfare and proper education of the young. Were it otherwise, we should not fail at this time to reiterate and emphasize the suggestions heretofore made in these annual reports. We should urge upon the minds of some of our teachers the necessity of maintaining better order in the schools under their charge. Whispering and moving about the school-room without permission should be positively forbidden, and laughing aloud might in most cases be dispensed with without any detriment to the school. Then, too, some of our schools have suffered on account of the irregularity of the attendance of their pupils, and in this respect our record is much behind that of previous years. There certainly can be no good excuse for *all* the absences that deface some of our registers this year.

Our school population is constantly changing from year to year, and for the first time in its history, perhaps, no school has been kept in the former district No. 1 during the year and where within the memory of the middle-aged of our citizens there were twenty-five or more scholars, only two or three could be found at the beginning of the present year, a number so small that it was not deemed advisable to maintain a school. In No. 5, which last year had only a single term of school and none at all during the year 1890, the scholars have increased in number, so that they have had the same amount of schooling as other sections of the town where schools have been maintained.

The statutes relating to schools are continually being amended and changed, so that it is almost impossible to keep track of them, and what was good law at the beginning of a year may not be so at the end, and it would seem as if every educational quack in the State was bent on having them altered so as to suit his own particular whim or fancy. For instance, as the law now is, or rather was at the beginning of the present year, no examination of candidates proposing to teach is required—the statute in relation to that subject having been entirely stricken out. They may, of course, bring testimonials of their fitness and ability from their former teachers, and also from

others who are disposed to help them in obtaining situations ; but when we reflect on the ease and facility with which such recommendations can be obtained, we shall see how worthless and unreliable they are, and in fact, some of the poorest teachers we have ever met with have been the best equipped in this respect. The law in question had been on our statutes for nearly a century, we think. It had always worked well in practice, and in a great many instances had prevented incompetent and unfit persons from obtaining schools. No one, so far as we know, had ever complained that it was unreasonable or unjust, and why it should have been thus summarily repealed is a question more easily asked than answered.

STILLMAN H. GROVER,
HERBERT N. SAWYER,
GILMAN GREENOUGH,

School Board.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

NUMBER OF SCHOOL.	2		3		4		5	
Terms of School.	Spring...	Fall.....	Spring...	Fall.....	Spring...	Fall.....	Spring...	Fall.....
Length of School in weeks	10	11.6	11	11.6	10.8	11.6	11	11.6
Whole number of scholars.....	11	12	16	18	8	7	12	11
Number of scholars in Reading.....	10	10	15	15	8	7	12	11
Spelling.....	11	10	15	18	8	7	12	11
Penmanship.....	10	10	15	15	8	7	12	11
Arithmetic.....	10	10	10	18	8	7	12	11
Geography.....	6	7	9	9	6	5	6	7
Grammar	6	3	9	9	6	5	2	6
Composition.....	6	4		15			6	7
History	10							

Number of visits by School Board, 16
 " " citizens and others, 229
 Number children reported by Selectmen,
 Males, 22 | Females, 26